

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 649

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Woodson Worden Covington.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Woodson Worden “Woody” Covington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Covington was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Woody Covington served with acumen and alacrity as a barber for more than sixty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in Weakley County on December 22, 1917, to the late Lee and Nell Dilday Covington, Woody Covington was a member of this country’s “Greatest Generation.” He served with honor and valor as a member of the United States Marine Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, during his long career as a barber, Mr. Covington worked in the Southside Barber Shop and Mr. A’s; and

WHEREAS, his support of and appreciation for his community was evidenced by his participation as a member of the Dresden Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Dresden, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Woody Covington was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Covington was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances Margaret Klutts Covington; and

WHEREAS, the proud father of Connie Covington and step-father of Ronnie E. Wilson; Woody Covington will be sorely missed by his sisters, his half-sister and brother-in-law, and his special friend, Lil Hardman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Covington leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Woodson Worden Covington, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and special friend of Mr. Covington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.